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1. SELECTIVE STRIKES ARE CONTINUING AND, IF SETTLEMENT NOT
REACHED, PROMISE TO SPREAD NEXT WEEK. RELATIVELY FEW WORKERS
OR PLANTS ARE INVOLVED THUS FAR.

2. AFTER MAINTAINING A SOLID FRONT AGAINST TRADE UNION DEMANDS
FOR CONTINUING POLICY OF AUTOMATIC PRICE COMPENSATION, EMPLOYERS
HAVE MADE A MAJOR CONCESSION. EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVE VAN
VEEN ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT EMPLOYERS WERE NOW PREPARED TO
AGREE TO FULL PRICE COMPENSATION FOR ALL OF 1977. OFFER
CONDITIONED UPON UNIONS AGREEING TO MODERATE WAGE DEMANDS IN
1978 OR FOR GOVERNMENT TO AGREE TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING
EMPLOYEE PURCHASING POWER IF THERE ARE SERIOUS ECONOMIC
REVERSES THIS YEAR. AUTOMATIC PRICE COMPENSATION AFTER 1977
WOULD BE OPEN TO STUDY BY ALL PARTIES.

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3. UNION REPS APPEAR ENCOURAGED BY LATEST EMPLOYER PROPOSALS
BUT SAID STRIKES ARE TO CONTINUE. DUTCH TRADE UNION FEDERATION
(FNV) PRESIDENT KOK CALLED OFFER ENCOURAGING BUT CAUTIONED
AGAINST ASSUMING PRICE COMPENSATION WAS ONLY ISSUE OUTSTANDING.
AMONG OTHER POINTS WHICH TRADE UNIONS SEEK ARE TWO-PERCENT REAL
WAGE INCREASE IN ADDITION TO TWO-AND-A-HALF-PERCENT PRICE

COMPENSATION FROM JANUARY 1, 1977, ASSURANCES FROM EMPLOYERS
THAT MORE PROFITS BE CHANNELED INTO JOB CREATING INVESTMENT,
AND AN INCREASED INPUT ON THE PART OF WORKERS AND GOVERNMENT
INTO COMPANY INVESTMENT POLICIES.
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